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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Mike Whicker.

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Whereas, Mike Whicker is an award winning novelist and community activist;

Whereas, Mike began his career as a teacher, graduating cum laude from the University of Southern Indiana, where he was named the education department's "Top Secondary Education Student";

Whereas, Mike is the author of two novels, Invitation to Valhalla and Proper Suda, and is working on Blood of the Reich, a sequel to Invitation to Valhalla;

Whereas, Mike's novel Invitation to Valhalla appeared on Dalton Booksellers national bestsellers list, was ranked 19th on the national paperback fiction list, and was chosen as the One Book One Community book of the year for the southwestern Indiana region;

Whereas, Always a World War II history buff, Mike was instrumental in bringing LST 325, an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops, and supplies directly onto enemy shores, to Evansville and was named the executive director of the World War II warship LST 325 by the USS LST Ship Memorial board of directors;

Whereas, Mike Whicker has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Jefferson Award, an award founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and given for public



service, having July 25, 2003, declared "Mike Whicker Day" in Evansville, receiving the Key to the City, and serving on the Evansville Homefront Museum Committee;

Whereas, Mike's novel Invitation to Valhalla was chosen by the Indiana State Library to be the first book narrated to audio for the state's Talking Books program for the blind and visually impaired; and

Whereas, Mike Whicker is an outstanding creative thinker who has given countless hours to his community through his dedicated service to its citizens: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 congratulate Mike Whicker on his many accomplishments and to wish
- 3 him continued success in all his future endeavors.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mike Whicker.

